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Harold,

Just a quickie. I called the number for our friend who is now here. I called about 430 p.m. Monday. The guy who answered sounded either drunk or very dumb. He said he hadn't seen the brother in a long time, couldn't remember just how. Told me to tell Brother to call him if I found him. From the noise in the background the number could have been a bar, or a very small room with a lot of people in it.

The latest assassination novel is called "The Parallax View" by Loren Singer Copyright 1970 by author. printed in paperback with permission of Doubleday. Does not indicate that it was ever in cloth.

June 1972 published by Dell. White cover, red lettering, strip of movie film with bullethole in it across cover.

The film is a reference to the opening of the novel in which the central figures are watching a clip of the assassination (apparently JFK, although no direct reference.)

The novel is rather disjointed and unlikely. The characters change around rather strangely. One of the "investigators" gets recruited as an assassin himself.

The mysterious government agency is called simply "The Bureau" it is headed by a mild little guy who you expect to say"I only follow orders."

He works on the precept that assassinations will occur from the right, the left or the insane.

"We started as a group that would find ways to channel sociological upheavals into coherent patterns, and to find ways to ease them.

"Our researches indicate a society that is not coherent, basically unmanagable, that is responsive only to greater and greater dramas acted
P/ 174. out in ever increasingly violent scenes."

Sorry, I didn't call your friend. He does sound like potential stories. The Guild thing is becoming exciting. We are sort of laying the ground work for changing it from a trade union to something more activist. But the going is very slow and painful. I think we either have to get active or its Spiro Agnew and all the news Nixon sees fit to print.

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